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office@rmofpiney.mb.ca
Hours: Monday – Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
12:45pm – 4:30pm



Need to Contact your Councillor?

Wayne Anderson: 204-527-0569
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Dale Edbom: 204-423-2089
David Beaudry: 204-437-2528
Mark Bernard: 431-997-5077

October 2026

MONTHLY REMINDERS

COTW Date Change

Committee of the Whole that was scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th has been **moved to Thursday, October 8th, 2026 at 10am** in the council chambers in Vassar.

Regular Meeting Cancellation

The Regular Council Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 27th, 2026** has been cancelled.



RM of Piney Taxes Due

Tax Bill Delivery Notice

Some 2026 property tax bills may not have been received due to possible postal service delays. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the RM and we will provide you with a copy.

Taxes are due by 4:30pm on October 23rd, 2026. All forms of payment must be in our office by that time so please be mindful of ground mail transit time. Arrears shown on your tax statement are as of May 31st, 2026. 1.25% interest is applied monthly until they are fully paid. Please contact the office for a current balance prior to payment to ensure no additional interest charges have been left unaccounted. Supplementary Taxes, for those who received them, are also due on October 23rd, 2026.

Tax payments can be made by:

- mailing in a cheque – payable to the RM of Piney
- leaving a cheque in our drop box – accessible 24/7
- online banking – Credit Union & Caisse Populaire
 - credit card – with 2% service fee
- debit/credit, cash, or cheque in person

E-TRANSFERS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Notice of Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vote of the Rural Municipality of Piney will be taken to elect a Reeve and a Councillor all four (4) of our Wards.

Candidates Running in the 2026 Election:

(names listed in order they were drawn)

Reeve: (1 to be elected)

Bernard, Mark
Rempel, Vance
Anderson, Wayne

Councillors for Ward 2: (1 to be elected)

Edbom, Dale
Kuhl, Sherri

Councillors for Ward 3: (1 to be elected)

Beaudry, David
Wiechern, Alex

Councillors for Ward 4: (1 to be elected)

Johnson, Cedric L.
Ewacha, Terry
Hovorka, Charlene

The candidate who has been elected by acclamation is:

Prociw, Ken – Ward 1

Advanced Voting:

Saturday, October 17th, 2026 from 8am – 8pm

RM of Piney Council Chambers
6092 Boundary Street in Vassar

Election Day:

Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 from 8am – 8pm

Ward 1 Polling Station:

Woodridge Community Center
69 Center St. in Woodridge

Ward 2 Polling Station:

Piney Community Hall
5017 PTH 89 in Piney

Ward 3 Polling Station:

Vassar Community Centre
44 Beaudry Ave. in Vassar

Ward 4 Polling Station:

Sprague Community Hall
2045 PR 308 in Sprague

Cannot make it in to vote on either of those days?
Please call or visit our website to apply to vote by
Sealed Envelope, Form 26 and a copy of your
driver's license are required when voting by mail.

Building the Future of the RM of Piney

Municipal elections provide an opportunity to think about the future of our community and the role each of us plays in shaping it.

As residents consider the candidates seeking office, it is worth asking a simple question: What do we want the RM of Piney to look like five, ten, or twenty years from now?

The answers will vary. Some residents may focus on infrastructure, roads, and drainage. Others may see opportunities in economic development, recreation, tourism, agriculture, or attracting new residents. Regardless of the priorities, meaningful progress begins with thoughtful discussion and a willingness to understand both the opportunities and the challenges facing our municipality.

It is also important to understand why things are the way they are today. Many of the decisions made by previous councils were based on the needs, resources, and circumstances of the time. Recognizing that history provides valuable context to help ensure future decisions build upon existing strengths rather than simply revisiting past debates.

The future of the RM of Piney will not be shaped by one person or one idea. It will be shaped by residents, candidates, Council, and administration working together toward realistic and achievable goals. Positive change often occurs through steady progress, careful planning, and a shared commitment to improving the community.

This election is an opportunity to engage in that conversation. Ask questions. Share ideas. Listen to different perspectives. Consider what improvements are possible and what steps will help move the municipality forward.

The RM of Piney has many strengths: committed residents, strong communities, valuable infrastructure, and significant opportunities for future growth. Building on those strengths requires participation and a shared vision for the future.

Most importantly, make your voice heard. Whether you vote on Election Day, at an advance poll, or during the voting opportunities available through the municipal office, take part in the process.

The future of the RM of Piney is not something that simply happens. It is something we create together. By participating, sharing ideas, and exercising your right to vote, you help shape the next chapter of our municipality's story. Together, we can continue moving forward and building a strong, vibrant future for the RM of Piney.

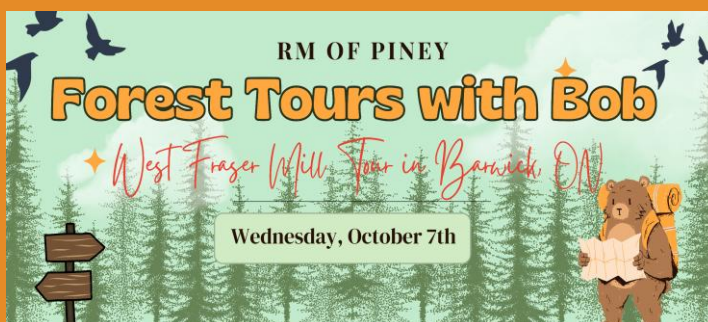


Board of Revision - POSTPONED

Until Tuesday, October 27th, 2026

If you have concerns about your 2025/2026 additions or reductions, or your 2027 property assessment, you may request to appear before the Board of Revision (BOR). BOR has been moved to Tuesday, October 27th, 2026. If you are wanting to appear before the BOR, **please submit your written request by letter or email to the RM office no later than 4:30 PM on October 9th, 2026.**

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE



Only participants with a valid passport and steel-toe boots will be able to attend this tour. Please meet at the RM office in Vassar by 9:15am, as transportation will be provided. Tour runs from 9:30am to 4:30pm. For Ages 12 & up;

Municipal Candidate Forums

RM of Stuartburn

RM of Piney



Monday, October 5, 2026



Thursday, October 8, 2026



7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Vita Friendship Centre
226 Home Street, Vita, MB



Piney Community Hall
5017 MB-89, Piney, MB



All residents are welcome to attend to hear from their municipal candidates.

Questions?

hello@pineyregionalchamber.ca



Please note event details are subject to change. Please follow us on Facebook for updates.

www.pineyregionalchamber.ca



PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS:



As per By-Law No. 118/2016

As per Part IV Section 7 of the Animal Control By-Law, it is the responsibility of the owner of the animal to not:

- a) permit his dog/cat to run at large;
- b) permit his dog or cat to bark, meow or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person in the Municipality;
- c) permit his dog/cat to defecate on any public/private property other than the property of its owner;
- d) permit his dog/cat to damage public property or private property other than that of the owner;
- e) own, keep, harbour or have possession/control of any dog/cat determined to be a dangerous animal;
- f) it his dog/cat to pursue, bite, wound or worry any person or animal, whether or not on the property of the owner;
- g) permit his dog/cat on any school ground or playground;
- h) permit his dog/cat on public property (including parkland area) unless the dog/cat is on a leash (which leash shall be no longer that six (6) feet in length, fully extended) and the dog/cat is in the actual custody and effective control of the owner or a person competent to control it, unless the said public property has been specifically designated by the RM as land upon which dogs/cats are not required to be on a leash;
- i) permit his dog/cat to upset waste receptacles or otherwise litter.

Fire Prevention Week

October 4th to October 10th

"Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower" focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.

Lithium-ion batteries power many of our devices at home, including phones, tablets, power tools, e-bikes, and more. By following a few simple safety tips, we can prevent fires caused by lithium-ion batteries.

- Buy products with a safety certification mark.
- Charge devices safely.
- Take extra care with larger batteries.
- Recycle batteries responsibly.

CHARGE
into Fire Safety™



PROTECTIVE SERVICES



Sprague RCMP

October is here, and for many people in the RM of Piney, that means it's time to close up the cottage, cabin, or seasonal property for another year. Before heading out for the season, it's worth taking a little extra time to make sure your property is secure.

Seasonal properties that sit empty for extended periods can become targets for break and enters, theft, and mischief. Make sure doors, windows, sheds, and garages are properly locked, and avoid leaving valuables such as tools, firearms, fuel, or other items that may attract unwanted attention. Outdoor lighting, trail cameras, and security cameras can also be useful deterrents and may provide valuable information if something does happen.

Try not to make it obvious that the property will be vacant for several months. If you have a trusted neighbour, friend, or family member nearby, ask them to check on the property from time to time. Regular visits can help identify damage, suspicious activity, or signs that someone has been on the property before a small problem becomes a bigger one.

We also encourage year-round residents to keep an eye on seasonal properties in their area. In our rural communities, neighbours often know what vehicles and people normally belong in the community. If something doesn't look right, take note of what you see, including vehicle descriptions or licence plates, but don't put yourself at risk by confronting anyone.

A few simple precautions this fall can go a long way toward protecting your property throughout the winter and avoiding an unpleasant surprise when you return in the spring.

If you see suspicious activity, please report it to the Sprague RCMP detachment. If you witness a break and enter or other crimes in progress, call 911. Stay safe & enjoy the fall season.

For all non-emergency matters, please contact the Sprague RCMP Detachment at (204) 437-2041. Until further notice, we will not be completing Criminal Record Checks. Please contact the Steinbach RCMP or your closest RCMP detachment to have them completed. Should you require immediate Police assistance you can call (204) 437-2222 or 911 in the case of an emergency.

Cpl. Kevin Reimer
Sprague RCMP



happy halloween

Simply Better: Building a Brand for the RM of Piney

What comes to mind when you hear the name of a community? Perhaps it's the landscape, the people, a memorable experience or simply a feeling about the place. That's the power of a brand.

Communities compete for attention just like businesses do. Across Manitoba, rural municipalities are working to attract residents, visitors, entrepreneurs, investment and funding. With so many communities offering affordable land, outdoor recreation and rural lifestyles, simply listing our assets isn't enough. We need to communicate what makes the RM of Piney distinctive — and why someone should take a closer look at us.

That's where Simply Better comes in.

Simply Better is our unique selling proposition: a simple idea that brings together the qualities we want Piney to be known for — space, nature, community and opportunity. It isn't about claiming we're better than other municipalities. It's about confidently defining what we offer to people who believe a simpler rural lifestyle, combined with opportunities to build and grow, is better for them.

Our goal is to make that message recognizable and memorable.

For potential residents, Simply Better positions the RM of Piney as a place offering room to breathe, welcoming communities, affordable rural living and opportunities to put down roots.

For visitors, it differentiates Sunrise Corner through authentic experiences: forests and trails, dark skies, outdoor recreation, community events and the chance to escape congestion and reconnect with nature.

For businesses and investors, Simply Better communicates something different again: affordable space, natural resources, entrepreneurial opportunity and a municipality interested in supporting responsible, sustainable development.

That's why you'll increasingly see the brand organized around four ideas: Live Simply Better. Experience Simply Better. Build Simply Better. Grow Simply Better. Together, they allow us to tell one consistent story to different audiences.

Branding alone won't create population growth, fill our tourism businesses or generate investment. But a strong brand can help Piney get noticed, build awareness and give people a reason to learn more. From there, our communities, businesses, natural assets and opportunities need to deliver on the promise.

Over time, the goal is simple: when people hear RM of Piney, we want them to understand what we stand for. More space. More nature. Strong communities. Real opportunity. Simply Better.



Monique Chenier
Economic Development Officer
monique@rmofpiney.mb.ca

Vassar & Sandilands Fall Dump Hours - Burnable Yard Waste Only

Vassar and Sandilands waste disposal sites will be opened from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the following days:

VASSAR: Saturday, October 17th, 2026

SANDILANDS: Sunday, October 18th, 2026

These dumps will only be open for the days listed above and will only be receiving yard waste such as trees, flax straw, grass, leaves, branches, and natural debris.

Household garbage, recycling, or any non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

Permanent Daylight-Saving Time

How does this effect the RM of Piney Transfer Station Hours?

Manitoba is making the permanent move to daylight-saving time. Since this change effects the hours at all three of our Transfer Station locations, the RM of Piney has decided to change all three transfer stations to the following hours:

**Sprague Transfer Station
Piney/Menisino Transfer Station
Woodridge Transfer Station**

As of Nov 1st Open: 9:30am – 5:30pm

These hours will take effect on Sunday, November 1st, 2026. Hours will remain in effect year-round.



**The Recycling Incentive
Winner for the month
of August is:**

Ticket No. 026515

Please contact the RM office at 204-437-2284 if you are the winning ticket holder.

Cooking Classes & Info Sessions

Hand-on Cooking Classes (\$5 per class):

Oct 5 at 5pm in Piney – Italian
Oct 13 at 5:30pm in South Junction – Quick Prep/Dump Meals
Oct 27 at 5:30pm in Woodridge – Mediterranean Diet
Nov 10 at 5:30pm in Woodridge – Wild Meat & Rice

Health Info Sessions:

Oct 27 at 2pm in Woodridge – Nutrition as we Age
Oct 29 at 5pm in South Junction – Health Trends including Diabetes, Ozempic, Protein

To register call 204-905-3740 or email connie@rmofpiney.mb.ca

FALL EVENTS



Access Government Services

October 6th from 9:30am – 3:30pm

East Borderland Primary Health Care Centre, Sprague

Southeast Farmer's Market

Saturday, October 24th from 10am – 2pm

Pine Grove Seniors Center in South Junction

Piney Fall Supper

Saturday, November 7th from 4pm – 8pm

Adult meal \$25 / Kids 12 & under \$15

Piney Community Centre

Exercises at Vassar Hall

Monday-Friday 9-9:30am Weights/6:30-7pm Cardio

Cost is \$20.00 from September-June or \$2.00/visit

Vassar Community Recreation Centre

"Meet Your Neighbours" – Coffee Groups

Mondays at 1pm – Pine Grove Seniors in S.J.

Thursdays at 1pm – Evergreen Seniors in Sprague

Moms & Tots

Every Thursday from 10am - 12pm

Woodridge Community Club

INDOOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

PINEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Ballet

MONDAY

5:00pm

Floor Curling

Dion Houston

204-437-5044

TUESDAY

6:30 pm

Pickleball

Jean Gushulak: 204-216-5009

OR Dion Houston: 204-437-5044

WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm & 6:30 pm

Archery

(Alternating weeks with Bingo)

Roger Schwegel

431-996-5686

THURSDAY

7:00 pm

We invite you to sign up for indoor activities that are running in our community hall. Please contact the people organizing the daily events. They run from the beginning of October to the end of May. Cribbage runs every Friday at 1:00pm at The Over 40 Club.

Come and Visit... Stay to Play

AT ROSS L. GRAY SCHOOL - FALL 2026



Where: Ross L. Gray School Library

When: Starting October 6th (every Tuesday)
until December 8th, 2026

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Who: Babies and children up to age 5 with their
Parents/ Caregivers

If you have questions please contact Carly Chubaty or Adriane Culleton
at 204-437-2175. chubaty@blsd.ca or culletona@blsd.ca
or

Ashley Milne at Almbri@hotmail.com

Thank you to RLG, BLSD and Healthy Child Coalition SE for hosting this FREE event

Come and Visist and Stay to Play will follow the BLSD school calendar,
which means if there is a school closure we will be closed also.

Oct. 17, 2026 Middlebro Outdoorsman's Dinner & Auction

Door Opens: 5:00 Buffet served: 6:00

Price:

\$40.00 per person

\$45.00 per person
at door

6 person Reserved

Table @ \$260

Dinner Menu:

Smoked Roast Beef & Gravy

Seasoned Buttery Chicken

Roasted seasoned Potatoes

Cowboy Beans, Veggies

Bun & Dessert

Cash Bar - Wine by the glass or Bottle

To Reserve a Table or Purchase a Ticket:

Jared Meek - (218) 242-3832

Donna Marynewich - (204) 881-8409

Email- Middlebro.community.club@gmail.com

 **rat river**
OUTDOORS
HUNTING • FISHING • TRAPPING



SPRAGUE ARENA'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SOCIAL
OCT 24TH
DOORS OPEN AT 8PM
SPRAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER

Kids Costume Judging @ 8:30
Loot Bags for all Participants
Adult Costume Judging @ 10:00pm
Entry: Ages 3-14 \$5 / 15+ \$10

SALES FROM THE
 BAKE GOODS
 CONTRIBUTE TO
 THE MOMS AND
 TOTS INITIATIVE
 AND KIDS'
 EQUIPMENT!

SPOOK-TACULAR Celebration

SCHEDULE

12PM | PUMPKIN
 CARVING/DECORATING
 CONTEST

1-3PM | SPOOKY ACTIVITIES

2-3PM | TREAT STATIONS

3-330PM | COSTUME CONTEST

WINNERS

12-330PM MOMS & TOTS BAKE
 SALE

130-3PM HOT DOGS AND HOT
 CHOCOLATE

Your generous
 gifts of pumpkins,
 treats, or funds
 are truly
 appreciated.

OCT 31 | 12-330 PM
WOODRIDGE COMMUNITY CLUB
69 DENIS STREET

Tables are ready for
 anyone eager to
 distribute candy. For
 reservations or
 inquiries, feel free to
 call or text
 204-894-5371.



YOU'RE INVITED TO

**Piney Hall
 Halloween Treat
 Trail**

October 31st, 1 to 3 PM

- Calling all community members!
 Come set up a table, hang out for the
 afternoon, and hand out Halloween treats
 to our local trick-or-treaters!
- Kids: Dress up, bring your treat bags,
 and make your way around the hall
 collecting goodies!
- A warm, fun & family-friendly way to
 celebrate Halloween together!

Piney Community Center Hall



**TRUNK
 OR TREAT**

31 OCT 2026 | SATURDAY
5:00 PM- 6:00 PM
MIDDLEBRO HALL

**EVERYONE WELCOME! COME CLAIM YOUR PARKING
 SPOT TO HAND OUT CANDIES FROM YOUR TRUNK TO
 THE LITTLE TRICKSTERS!**